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(54) Title: INITIAL TEACHING ALPHABET FOR TEACHING PHONETICS

Vowels

Vowels are letters that have sounds that let other
letters be heard more clearly. Vowels in the English
alphabet are *a, e, i, o, u* and sometimes *y*. Every word
needs at least one vowel to be heard. Unfortunately,
many letters, especially vowels, change their sound
when they are around vowels. For now, just notice that
vowels are often prompted.

Wise Advice from Kids

ie z ie s u z

Don't sneeze in front of your mother when you're eating

crackers.
k u z

Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a mint.

ea z ea u u

Never try to baptize a cat.

u ie oo ie u k

Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball

bat.
ea z ea u ay o

(57) Abstract: Systems and methods of
teaching phonics represent words using
ordinary spelling, and adjacently positioned
clarifying symbols that consist primarily or
entirely of the letters of a standard alphabet
are used to assist in sounding out the words.
Single ones of the vowel letters are preferably
used to represent corresponding short vowel
sounds, and combinations of the vowel letters
are preferably used to represent long vowel
sounds. The clarifying symbols preferably
comprise an Initial Teaching Alphabet
having 36 phonograms, which consists of
standard letters of the English alphabet plus
combinations of those letters. Various prompts
are also contemplated, including underlining
to highlight a plurality of the letters that form
a blended sound, and coloration to show that
certain letters are either silent or are sounded
according to the adjacent phonetic symbol.